

# HOUSE HAS NO QUORUM

No Sessions of the Senate on Yesterday.

## ANTI-TRUST BILL OFFERED

Mr. Fulton Presents One Whose Passage Would Prevent All Combinations of Business and Would Repeal Wharton Insurance Law.

The Senate was not in session yesterday, and the House adjourned shortly after meeting on account of the absence of a quorum. A resolution was adopted providing that hereafter the body meet at noon instead of 10 o'clock, because its calendar work is pretty well up, and in order to allow the committees to have more time for their labors.

An effort was made by Mr. Churchman to secure the better attendance of members through a resolution cutting off leaves of absence after May 1st, but it was finally withdrawn, as general was the opposition which developed.

There were several bills offered, but only one of more than local interest. This was by Mr. Fulton, of Wise, and it was in the nature of a sweeping anti-trust measure. Its passage would have the effect of preventing combinations in all lines of business and would practically repeal the Wharton anti-trust insurance law, which was repealed at a former session of the present Legislature.

The bill is by far the most drastic ever offered on this line in the Legislature of Virginia, and it went to the Committee on General Laws, which will likely sleep the sleep of death.

The Senate and House will both meet at noon on Monday.

The House was called to order at 10 o'clock by Speaker Ryan and prayer was offered by Rev. W. B. Beauchamp, of the Methodist Church.

Mr. Allen offered a resolution, providing that hereafter the House meet at noon instead of 10 o'clock, and it was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Churchman presented one, providing that after May 1st no leave of absence be granted save in cases of necessity, and that members away without leave shall forfeit their per diem. This resolution was advocated by the patron and opposed by a number of members, and finally withdrawn.

The following bills were offered and referred:

By Mr. Fulton: To prevent pools, trusts, combinations &c., in restraint of trade.

By Messrs. Purdy and Edmondson: To authorize an additional capitation tax in Sussex and Halifax counties and in the town of South Boston.

By Mr. Sobell: To amend the law in relation to the terms of district officers.

By Mr. Same: To amend certain acts establishing dispensaries in Southampton county, so as to give the board of health the right of one-fourth of the profits arising therefrom.

The chair, at 10:30, was vacated for fifteen minutes in order to wait the arrival of a quorum, but it was an almost hopeless wait, for there were hardly fifty-one members in the body.

When the chair was resumed, the body adjourned to meet again at noon on Monday.

## IN SOUTH BOSTON

A Great Exodus of Negroes from Halifax is Reported.

SOUTH BOSTON, VA., April 25.—The revival services at the Baptist Church, which have been in progress nearly three weeks, closed last night. There were about thirty converts.

Rev. W. L. Williams was assisted by Rev. Dr. Martin, of Salem.

The vestrymen elected at a recent meeting of Trinity Church are Messrs. R. A. Fendick, R. E. Jordan, J. M. Carlin, C. E. Faulkner, R. C. Glenn, R. M. C. L. C. Tucker and W. L. Penick.

There has been a great exodus of negroes during the week from various sections of Halifax. Nearly 600 have gone to New York State to make brick.

The remains of Hugh Lewis, of Charlottesville, N. C., and John Johnson, of Gold Hill, N. C., were shipped to their homes after the bodies had been shrouded.

These were the two men who were found Monday morning in a dying condition on the Norfolk and Western road, near here.

Misses Laura Stebbins and Marie Easley have gone to Chase as delegates to the missionary meeting in Roanoke Presbyterian.

Messrs. W. D. Hill & Company, real estate agent, sold at public auction this week twenty-two lots in South Boston at figures that were highly satisfactory to the sellers.

## IN BUENA VISTA

Heavy Fines Imposed Upon Violators of Local Option Law.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BUENA VISTA, VA., April 25.—Alfred Agnor, who several days ago was fined by Mayor Lee \$300 and sentenced to four months in jail for illegal selling of whiskey, has appealed, and the case was continued until next term of court.

W. T. Agnor, brother of the above, who was arrested at the same time by Detective Fisher, of Roanoke, was brought before Mayor Lee and Justice Speck yesterday morning and fined \$25 in two cases, making a total of \$50, which fine he paid and gave bond for \$200 for good behavior for twelve months.

Rev. John G. Scott, formerly of this place but now of Hot Springs, is in attendance on the convention being held this week at the Episcopal Church.

Rev. Willis L. Watts, pastor of the Baptist Church, has received a call to the First Baptist Church of Roanoke. As an inducement to leave his present, his congregation voted a raise of \$200 per year.

## TIDEWATER ALUMNI

An Association Formed and Officers Elected at Saluda.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) SALUDA, VA., April 25.—A University of Virginia Alumni Association was formed here to-day.

Judge T. R. B. Wright made a statement setting forth the purposes of the organization and read a list of the alumni of the counties of Essex, King and Queen, King William, Middlesex, Mathews and Gloucester, who cordially and loyally responded to their alma mater, desiring to be enrolled as members of the association.

It was moved and carried that the association be known as "The Tidewater Association of the Alumni of the University of Virginia," to be composed of the alumni of Essex, King and Queen, King William, Middlesex, Mathews and Gloucester. A constitution was adopted and Judge T. R. B. Wright was elected president.

Judge A. Browne Evans, vice-president and James M. Lewis, secretary and treasurer. The following, with the addition of the officers of the association, were elected the Executive Committee: Prof. John Tabb, of Gloucester; Hon. C. B. Jones, of King and Queen; Judge J. E. Blackley, of Essex; Hon. Thos. H. Edwards, of King William; Dr. Geo. W. Brown, of Middlesex; and Hon. J. Boyd Sears, of Mathews.

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to the Alumni Association meeting to be held at the University at the commencement in June. Wm. Baird, James N. Stubbs, F. W. Smith, John Temple, Judge Roger Gregory, C. B. Garnett, Colonel John R. Saunders, Wm. D. Evans and Judge T. R. B. Wright, delegate at large.

It was moved and carried that the regular annual meetings be held on Jefferson's birthday, April 13th, and that a called meeting be held at King and Queen Courthouse on Thursday, the 23 day of July.

## Colored Y. M. C. A.

The colored Young Men's Christian Association invites the men to a mass-meeting for men to-day at 3:30 P. M. at the True Reformers' Hall, Rev. W. T. Johnson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will deliver a special address. Subject, "In His Steps." Rev. W. H. Stokes, R. D. pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, will conduct the song service.

## Church Hill W. C. A.

A meeting of the Church Hill Branch of the W. C. A. will be held at their home, No. 505 East Franklin Street, next Tuesday morning, April 28th, at 11 o'clock. A full attendance is earnestly desired.

## Miller & Rhoads.



## Pure Irish Linen Suiting, 25c Yd.

There's lots of Linen Suiting at 25c., and may be you've seen them marked "Pure Irish Linen," but a name doesn't make a cloth, and you've never seen a linen fabric to equal this one at 25c.

We have all the leading shades, such as pink, light blue, steel and reseda green—the steel and light blue being rather difficult to get.

This linen at a quarter is almost the same as that sold for 50c., the only difference being the 50c. fabric is a medium weight and the other a little heavier.

This cloth is 30 inches wide, the 50c. article is just a trifle wider.

Irish Suiting Linen, pure flax, 24 yards wide, light and medium weights, 41.

An Etamine Linen we sell for 25c. is not usually sold at this low price. Customer told us the other day she'd paid 39c. for the same fabric elsewhere.

It is all pure linen, nothing but the best shirtings, but it's our policy to mark everything a fair price only.

Brown Dress' Linen, medium or light weights, 15c.

Colored dress linen, 27 inches wide, 10c.

English Check Linen, in tan and brown, all pure flax and as fine a linen as ever sold for 40c., but the jobber only had these two colors and not much of it, hence we got it to sell at 25c.

A Mercerized Table Damask at 75c.

Anything remarkable about that? Yes, there is about this particular damask. 12 1/2 yard wide, a dollar a yard after we sell what we now have. Been a sharp advance in the price of table linen. The newest and best patterns are here, the cloth is of the finest flax, this price and you know what the mercerizing does.

Mercerized Napkins to match it, \$1.09 dozen.

Pretty Table Cloths of German Linen, \$1.25.

They're 49x79 inches and hem-stitched all round the cloth—which adds considerably to their value—but not to the price.

Imported Under Vests For Ladies, 50c.

Swiss lisle, low neck and sleeveless, with the arm-holes and neck trimmed with silk—a superior garment for 50c., as the quality and finish is far above the ordinary.

Silk Undervests for 50c. and new ones too; low neck and sleeveless, trimmed with silk tape.

Another Silk Vests for 75c. The shoulders are hand crocheted. Pretty garment.

Special Inducements to Visit the Basement To-Morrow.

Sheets.

62x90 inches, 49c.

81x90 inches, 49c.

90x90 inches, 50c.

Hemstitched Sheets.

81x90 inches, 60c.

90x90 inches, 75c.

42x36 Plain Pillow Case, 10c.

42x36 Hemstitched Pillow Case, 12 1/2c.

Seersucker Gingham, in 10 to 20-yard lengths, 61c., worth eight cents in full pieces.

Bleached Cotton, 10 to 20-yard lengths, yard wide, and a heavy round thread, 7 1/2c. worth 5c. in full pieces.

Percales, yard wide, 10c. worth 12 1/2c., but we got 'em a little under price.

These Window Shades Are—

We almost said cheap, but we dislike the word. They're not cheap, but they ARE VERY—

PRICED, 34 1/2c. feet; fine quality cloth, all colors, mounted on good rollers, with fixtures complete, 10c.

## Miller & Rhoads.

## Mercerized Chambrays, 15c Yd.

We say they're worth twenty cents, but that's a moderate estimate, for the simple reason that we know they are sold for that price and over in other places.

Drummer told us yesterday he sold the same goods in another city for 14c. wholesale and wanted to know how we could sell them for 15c. We can do so and make a profit.

Some with solid colors of pink, blue, green and gray; others with white stripes through these colors.

Light-weight Etamines, in the new basket weaves, 15c.

India Lawns, 40 inches wide, very sheer, 12 1/2c.

White Pique, with entirely new figures and polka dots, 25c.

We secured a splendidly sheer quality of Batiste a short time ago to sell at 10c. yard, though it is strictly a 12 1/2c. value.

The ground work is in both light and dark colorings, with pretty odd figures, stripes and dots scattered through it.

Finely Mercerized Waistings, in stripes, dots and figures; pretty damask designs among them, 25c.

Mercerized Oxford Cloths, plain and fancy weaves, 30c.

Don't by any means forget our Swivel Silks, at 25c.

Some of the prettiest Summer Fabrics you ever saw in these silk mixtures—for they are silk one way.

Imported novelties in Oxford and Bourrette Cloths, 40c. You'll find plenty of them this summer, but there are so many designs and they're so pretty that each one has an individuality of its own.

Another Fine Walking Suit in a Scotch mixture, for \$12.50 is made with a Norfolk jacket, finely tailored all through and would be a bargain at \$15. At \$12.50 it's just like being presented with two dollars and a half.

Unlined Skirts to both suits.

# Big Silk Sale!

## These Taffetas, 49c.

Other Lots at 25, 39, 49, 59, 69, 75c.

The above headlines represent the sign that you'll see on our silk display in the windows to-morrow.

It's a big sale in every way—big in its quantity—for there's fully 25,000 yards of Silks included in it—and when we say that you know there's not the slightest exaggeration in the statement.

Twenty-five thousand yards of Silk at prices like we've quoted is the greatest offering of these dress fabrics that this house has ever made.

It's big from the fact that such values we feel confident were never before offered in Richmond.

How can we sell Silks at such prices? Well, there's many a shade and style that we only have a little of—we're perfectly candid about it. These small lots comprise some of the last year's patterns—then again there are Silks that we've purchased at special prices, and others in our regular stocks that we've put in to make up the splendid assortment that will greet you to-morrow, both in the window and in our Silk Section. We can mention only a few of the Silks included in this sale.

25c. 200 yards Fancy Taffetas, Brocades, &c. Most all of this lot sold originally for 70c. and \$1 per yard.

29c. 1,000 yards Wash Silks, in desirable styles, the usual 29c. grade.

49c. 1,200 yards Liberty Foulards, regular 75c. quality.

49c. 1,000 yards Stripes and Checked Taffetas, in this season's newest designs and colors; blue and white, green and white, brown and white, gray and white.

59c. 200 yards Fancy Louisines and Taffetas, that sold originally for \$1 yard.

69c. 150 yards Printed Warp Striped Taffetas, that sold originally for \$1.25 yard.

49c. 200 yards Tussah Silks, with colored stripes, originally 75c. yard.

69c. 250 yards Handsome Liberty Foulards, that sold originally for \$1.25 yard.

39c. 150 yards Corded Wash Taffetas, that we have sold all season at 60c.

25c. 150 yards Foulards, that sold for 60c. and 75c., mostly waist and skirt lengths in this lot.

39c. 50 yards Light gray Japanese Crepe de Chine, that sold for 50c.

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Another Cleanable Coat for babies is of white silk, lined with light-weight Italian cloth. The collar is trimmed with silk braid and ribbon, \$0.50.

A pretty little Reefer for children between one and four years; comes in pique, trimmed with embroidery, a look at it will convince you that \$1.25 is a low price for it.

\$1.75 for a good Taffeta.

\$5.98 for a very good Jean de Sole, worth at least two dollars more.

\$10.00 for a Peau de Sole. Monte Carlo, lined with white or gray satin.

\$13.50 for a Monte Carlo of Peau de Sole, lined with white satin; large sailor collar, trimmed with white lace.

\$17.50 for Peau de Sole Corsets, 12 Louis XIV. style; elegantly lined with blue or white satin.

Fine Batiste—no laces in the back to show through a thin shirt-waist, but laced up at both sides of the front steel. Slender women will particularly appreciate this Corset, and it's only a dollar.

## Miller & Rhoads.

## Good Etamine Skirts, \$4.48.

Such a fine quality, in fact, that \$5.98 wouldn't be at all out of the way for them, but we've priced them specially at \$4.48. Unlined and trimmed with taffeta bands, forming a yoke.

Your Skirt knowledge will show you that we're not boasting any.

Better ones \$5.98, \$6.98 and \$8.98.

## Handsome Voile Skirts, \$7.48.

Trimmed with four milliner's folds at the bottom and a band of stitched taffeta; bound seams and well-tailored throughout, \$7.48.

Other Voile Skirts \$10, \$15 and up to \$35.

## Two Bargains in Walking Suits.

One for \$15.00 is in blue or black cheviot, and eighteen dollars would be a low price for it ordinarily, but both these Walking Suits are out of the ordinary in price and quality. Strictly tailor-made, with the jacket silk lined.

Another Fine Walking Suit in a Scotch mixture, for \$12.50 is made with a Norfolk jacket, finely tailored all through and would be a bargain at \$15. At \$12.50 it's just like being presented with two dollars and a half.

Unlined Skirts to both suits.

Red, tan, brown, green and blue, 15c. yard.

\$3.50 Satin Marseilles Bed Spread, \$2.50.

\$2.00 Crocheted Bed Spread, \$1.50.

Take either one or both, just as you need, but in either event you are getting Summer Bed Covering at a bargain—the satin Marseilles is 11-4 size in floral and scroll designs; the Crocheted Spread is 12-4 size in pretty Marseilles designs and trimmed ready for use.

Don't You Want Pretty Summer Curtains That Will Wear Well?

Some of them at reduced prices, such as three dollar Cable Nets for \$2.50 the pair.

They're 34 yards long and 54 inches wide, in Irish Point designs.

Snow Flake Portieres—think of the name on a warm summer's day; all colors, with pretty cross stripes and tasseled fringe, three yards in length—\$2.08 for a three fifty Portiere.

An exceedingly low priced Portiere is a striped madras, all colors and three yards long, \$1.

The new French Lace Curtain, the Moflany, is a beauty with its dainty Battenberg designs; good length, 3 1/2 yards, and an economical furnishing for the summer home at \$5.50 a pair.

5-lb. Can Empress Coffee, 75c.

Broken grains of our Coffee, ranging in price from 24 to 35c. lb. Is the best Coffee at this price ever offered for sale in Richmond.

Only a few cans left and a pretty easel picture given free with each one.

Great Reduction Sale of Lamps.

Nothing the matter with them at all. Just a spring clearing up of stocks.

Fine goods—richly decorated—10 and 12-inch globes.

\$7 and \$9 Lamps now \$5.50, \$8.50, \$10.50 and \$13 Lamps now \$7.50.

Miller & Rhoads

HALF RATES TO FLORIDA

For Settlers and Home-Seekers via the Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Beginning Tuesday, March 24th, and every Tuesday thereafter in March and April, the Seaboard Air Line Railway will sell settlers' and home-seekers' tickets to Manatee, Bradenton and Ellenton, in Manatee county, Florida, for \$15.75 one way and \$29.50 round trip from Richmond and for \$15.40 one way and \$28.75 round trip from Petersburg.

Manatee county is the most fertile section of Florida. It is on the west coast, well below the frost line, and thousands of acres of the best uncultivated lands sell for \$15.00 to \$100.00 per acre. They will pay for themselves many times the first year.

In 1902 one acre netted \$1,525.75 in early vegetables. Thirty acres of celery brought \$35,507.00.

The county is the healthiest in Florida and the climate delightful.

The tarpon fishing off the coast, in Sarasota Bay, is the finest in the world. For information apply to Z. P. Smith, district passenger agent, Richmond, Va.; Henry Whyte, agent Petersburg, Va.; or Charles B. Ryan, general passenger agent, Portsmouth, Va.

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